

# Rye Civic News August 2019

from the [Rye Civic League](http://www.ryecivicleague.org) ([www.ryecivicleague.org](http://www.ryecivicleague.org))

"Informing citizens, enhancing direct democracy and supporting the will of the voters"

Please share with your Rye friends & neighbors 2018 [Citizens' Handbook \(click here\)](#)  
RCL Monthly Meetings & Public Forum last Wednesday of the month RPL 7pm

[RCL Facebook Page](#)

Nov. 2018: RCL Rye the last 50 years, Next 50 years: [Presentation](#) [Recorded Video](#)

## Next RCL

Meeting:  
August 28th  
RPL 7:00 pm

## Meetings (at Town Hall unless indicated)

July 29th:  
CIP 7:00pm

Aug. 1st.  
School Board  
Retreat  
8:30am RJH

Aug. 1st:  
Heritage  
Commission  
6:30pm

Aug. 5th:  
Recreation  
Commission  
6pm.

Aug. 5th CIP  
7:00pm.

Aug. 6th.  
Energy  
Committee  
6:30pm RPL

Aug. 7th Rye  
Water District  
9:00am 60  
Sagamore Rd.

Aug. 7th:  
Zoning Board  
of Adjustment  
7:00pm.

Aug. 8th:  
Conservation  
Commission  
7:00pm.

Aug. 12th.  
Select Board  
6:30pm.

## July Highlights

- 1215 Ocean Blvd (Driftwood Cottages) received variances for skeptics in the wetland buffer from ZBA. Planning Board heard from the applicant, continued to September. Plan diagrams [Click Here](#)
  - 1244 Washington Rd 20 unit development was to have a work session on July 25th, but it has been canceled.
  - Full time Building & Grounds employee has been hired.
  - Mike Magnent has retired from his 80% Town Administrator role.. Finance Direct Becky Bergeron is the new full time Town Administrator. A full-time finance person is being requested to fulfill her responsibilities.
  - Select Board will be looking to staff a new committee to build from the Plan NH suggestions. Library Trustees are asking to be part of the process.
  - Town is declining the free pilot for utilizing drones to identify failed septic systems in Parson's Creek. Note - over-saturation of septic systems is the problem. [More Detail](#)
  - Town IT Architecture RFP responses have been received. If you are an IT Architect or have IT knowledge, your town can use your help. . Please [e-mail](#)
  - Planning Board Land Use Regulation updates were presented. [Click Here](#) for summary. Unclear how to best communicate and solicit responses from residents.
  - Parson's Creek Watershed pollution [Click Here](#) for December 2018 report. No public discussion of actions has occurred.
  - Open Volunteer Positions:** Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#) or Planning Admin  
Planning Board: 2 Alternates ([e-mail](#))  
Zoning Board: 1 Alternate ([e-mail](#))  
Rye Heritage Commission 2 Alternates  
Rye Historic District Commission: 2 Alternate  
Rye Recycling Education 1 Member vacancy  
CIP Committee 1 Member Vacancy  
Conservation Commission 2 Alternates  
Telecom Infrastructure Committee 5 Member vacancies
- TOWN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS NOW**  
This is to help review RFP responses  
oversee he contractor the town
- and  
will hire.

## General Announcements:

- Book Release Event - [Consuming Government](#)** by Steven Borne Monday, July 29th 7:30pm RPL [More Information](#) (Note: Borne is the RCL President)
- RHS "Wildlife on the Seacoast Past & Present" August 8th 6:30pm RPL
- Peter Crawford Memorial August 27th 7pm RPL [Click Here](#)
- Rye Travel Soccer Registration is now open Boys & Girls 8-11, Boys 12: [Click Here](#)
- Portsmouth Youth Football sign up: [Click Here](#)
- Rye After School Program Staff is needed. [Click](#).
- Rye Recreation Summer Programs** [Click Here](#)
- Rye Recreation Senior Program:** : 2018-2019 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
- Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
- GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)  
FYI see RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

## Select Board Meeting July 22nd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: Not available

- If the State approves, the town will support the brief July 27th fireworks on Ocean Blvd.
- Liam McDonough was introduced as the new full time Building & Grounds employee.
- Election Polling Site Committee presented the final report, [Click Here](#). Conclusion is that the RES is the only feasible location at this time.

Aug 13th.  
Sewer  
Commission  
8:00am

Aug. 13th  
Planning Board  
6:00pm RPL

Aug. 19th: CIP  
7:00pm.

Aug. 20th.  
Mosquito  
Control  
Commission.  
5:00pm

Aug. 26th.  
Select Board  
6:30pm.

Aug 27th.  
Budget  
Committee  
6:00pm.

4. Surf Rider Foundation attended in mass to protest the perceived loss of parking spaces so close to the beach. The Select Board allowed the lawyer to speak and responded that only one less spaces has resulted and there are more spaces than originally thought.
5. State Representative Jaci Grote gave the Select Board an overview of the current budget and current legislation discussions that could impact Rye.
6. As the Finance Director is replacing the 80% Town Administrator as the full time Town Administrator, an additional Finance Person is needed. Select Board stated that a junior level person could be utilized. Note: There was no public discussion about the Town Administrator change or this position. Select Board chose not to act on residents' suggestion that there may be alternatives to adding a full time Finance person.
7. Washington Rd. resident discussed the safety issue caused by parking (Air BnB) at Washington Rd. and Ocean Blvd. corner. Police Chief and DPW will continue to look at options for improving safety.
8. Due to potential legal complications, Select Board declined the opportunity to be the free pilot location for Drone investigation of failed septic systems. [Learn more](#) about the impaired Parson's Creek Watershed
9. Select Board is deferring on any action with the Trolley Barn until the space and building options are evaluated.
10. Committee to oversee Telecom Infrastructure consultant only had two members. Select Board chose to leave two residents on the oversight committee and not assign current employees or board members.
11. Fire Chief reported the first real rescue utilizing the new Jet Ski. He praised the collaboration of our neighboring committees who all responded rapidly with mutual aid.

### **Select Board Facilities Planning: July 15th Work Session**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Library Trustee's are asking to have a joint meeting with the Select Board. Select Board agreed, but no meeting is posted yet.
2. Many residents provided input.
3. Select Board is focused on having a "win" quickly and developing a long term plan.
4. Selectman Winslow is looking for matrix of space needs and options.
5. Select Board is looking to create a charter for the planning group.

#### Reference:

a) Plan NH Charette Information

[Click Here](#) for presentation. [Click Here](#) for recorded video. Select Board Minutes: [Click Here](#)

b) Alex Herlihy created these Town Center supporting documents:

[List of Buildings](#), [Details on Buildings](#), [History of Rye Town Center](#)

c) Documentation of past reports and findings available in the RPL New Hampshire Room

### **Select Board Meetings July 8th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Rye Fire and Rescue Jet Ski is operational
2. Army Corp of Engineers visited Rye Harbor. Selectman will need to continue pushing our Federal representative to obtain funding for dredging the Fall of 2020.
3. Library Trustee reported the Patricia Quinn Little Free Library at Cable Road extension is being well utilized.
4. David Maxson of Isotope was questioned on his RFP response for Cell Coverage support work. Includes identifying locations, options and ordinance changes.
5. New Hampshire Fish and Game would like to pass ownership of Pulpit Rock Tower to the Town. Friends of Pulpit Rock have completed most of the restoration work and going forward costs should only be maintenance related. Further discussion with the Heritage Commission is needed to discuss how this could be accomplished.
6. Comprehensive Environmental proposed a free pilot of their drone based approach to identifying failed septic systems in the Parson's Creek Watershed. Privacy and other concerns were raised by the Select Board and residents. Resident pointed out that the impaired Parson's Creek watershed is from an over-saturation of septic systems and implying that identifying failed systems is deflecting focus from the underlying problem. [More Information](#)
7. Residents spoke to their letter stressing the intent and need to keep the Parsonage as affordable housing.
8. Heritage Commission wanted to confirm that the Select Board was aware Rye has been awarded the \$8000 grant from the CLG.
9. Discussion of the Town Hall architect was deffer-ed to the July 15th working session.

### **School Board Meeting: No July meeting**

## **Town Reference Documents on the Town Web Site:**

Rye History  
Museum:  
[Click Here](#)

Town  
Org chart.  
[Click Here](#)

Capital  
Improvement  
Plan (CIP)  
[Click Here](#)  
This plan is  
updated annually  
and  
is a great way to  
see what the  
Town is planning  
for future capital  
expenditures

[Town of Rye  
Master Plan  
\(click here\)](#)  
2014 FEMA  
maps:  
Updated Dec  
2017  
[Click Here](#)

**Rye Rec**

**Master Plan**  
([Click Here](#))

**Town Forest Management Plan**  
([Click Here](#))

**2018 Beach Report** [Click Here](#)

**GIS Parcel Data:** [Click Here](#)

**Transfer Station and Recycling Flyer:** [Click Here](#)

**Town Budgets**  
Budget  
Analysis:  
[Click Here](#)

Town Budget Worksheet:  
[Click Here](#)

MS-7 Reporting document:  
[Click Here](#)

**Rye Water District Budget:**  
[Click Here](#)

**Rye Beach Budget:**  
[Click Here](#).  
RBVD.

Treasurer's Report.  
[Click Here](#)

**Jenness Beach Budget:**  
[Click Here](#)

**School Budget:**  
Here is a link to the Proposed 2019-2020 School Budget.

Rye Trust Fund Summary:  
[Click Here](#)

**Rye Library Strategic Plan:**  
[Click Here](#)

Learn more about the Rye Schools: [Click Here](#)

Proposed 2019-2020 Budget: [Click Here](#)

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: April 2019 [Click Here](#) (most current)

**August 1st Retreat:** [Agenda](#) 8:30am RJH

### **Rye Districts Information:**

[Click Here](#) for information on Rye Districts

### **2019 Budgets**

Recorded Video of Budget Committee meeting: [Click Here](#)

[Rye Water District Budget](#) [RBVD Budget](#) [JBVD Budget](#)

### **Rye Water District July 3rd Meeting:**

2018 Water Quality Report: [Click Here](#)

2018 Portsmouth Water Report: [Click Here](#)

2019 Rye Water Rates: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Work at the pump house has been completed.
2. Hydrant 353 was hit and replaced. Unknown who hit the hydrant.
3. Autumn Lane (new development off of South Rd.) now has RWD water.
4. RWD and Sagamore Animal Hospital will jointly fund driveway repairs.

### **Planning Board meeting: July 9th:**

Learn more about the Planning Board: [Click Here](#)

New FEMA maps have been posted: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 421 South Road a butter is not satisfied that the builder has not implemented conditions of his conveyance of the land. Planning Board agreed to a site walk.
2. Rockingham Planning Commission continues to work on the Land Development Regulations. [Click Here](#) for summary. No final decision on how best to communicate changes tot the public and to solicit input.
3. 135 Wentworth Rd. lot line adjustment since the Surveyor found a discrepancy. Approved and will be documented as such. [NOD Case #7 2019](#)
4. 1244 Washington Rd. Discussion of the current plan. A work session was suggested, schedule for July 25th, but canceled. [Case#6 2019](#)
5. 1215 Washington Rd. (Driftwood cottages). Lawyer implied they could have requested 10 units. Two issues were the density of the lot and sewer.

[Click Here](#) for Plans

[Click Here](#) for Attorney Letter on Density [Click Here](#) for additional information

### **LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) June 17th Meeting**

What has happened since 2014: [Click Here](#) Additional 2016 information [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

[Click Here](#) to see Durham's website and their master plan as reference.

1. Master Plan has been updated. [Click Here](#) to see Chapters

As the meeting minutes of the LRP meetings have recently "surfaced" the RCL is filling a gap by providing a summary - meeting by meeting - with key points of the LDR updates. [Click Here](#)

2. [Click Here](#) for background on Land Use Regulations

3. Julie LeBranche Land Use Regulations summary from July 8th: [Click Here](#)

### **Rules & Regulations July 22nd Meeting**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

### **Planning Board August 13th Agenda**

Planning Board meetings are moving to the Rye Public Library

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. 161 Clark Rd. Conditional Use Permit for Accessory Dwelling Unit

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment: July 10th:**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 8 Alder Ave. Variance for shed 4' from side boundary approve 5-0 [Case#29-2019](#)

2. 59 W. Atlantic Ave. Four variances approved 5-0 for tear down and replacement.

[Case#27-2019](#) Granted on condition that only the trees that impede the construction of the new house are removed.

How good is  
our Library  
[Click Here](#)

**Rye Police  
Homepage**  
[Click Here](#)  
Facebook:  
[Click Here](#)

Rye Beach  
Committee  
Facebook  
Page [Click  
Here](#)

Rye PTA  
Webpage  
[Click Here](#)

Rye  
Elementary  
School [Click  
Here](#)

Rye Junior  
High School  
[Click Here](#)

Portsmouth  
High School  
[Click Here](#)

**Other  
Helpful  
Links:**

[Live Free or  
Die Alliance](#)

3. 1215 Ocean Blvd: Board voted 5-0 to deny the Administrative Appeal of the Building Inspector's April 12th letter that septic systems must adhere to new construction standards.

[Case#23a-2019](#)

4. 1215 Ocean Blvd.: Granted variance and a waiver 5-0 for allowing septic systems in the wetland buffer. [Case#23b-2019](#) Four compliance statements are included.

5. 1196 Ocean Blvd.: Variances approved 5-0 to expand a non-conforming roof line [case#25-2019](#)

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: August 7th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 9 Perkins Rd. tear down and replace a non-conforming structure
2. 18 Tower Ave. Expansion of a non-conforming structure
3. 199 Locke Rd. Garage inside the boundaries allowed
4. 200 Parsons Rd. Fill, boardwalk and other structures in the wetlands
5. 2250 Ocean Blvd.: Patio, stairs and shower inside of the allowed boudaries

### **Conservation Commission (CC) July 11th**

Learn more about the Conservation Commission: [Click Here](#)

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL CC Notes: [Click Here](#)

Goss Farm Community Garden Plots sign up: [Click Here](#)

July 11th Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Sea Glass Lane developers have agreed to convey the land to the Homeowners Association, several years later than it should have been completed.
2. Outdoor Pride is now the office of a construction company and tractors are being stored there.
3. Town Forest Management Plan did not address the CC concerns of wildlife or wetlands biologist.

### **July 11th Site Walk Minutes 1090 Washington Rd: [Click Here](#)**

1090 Washington Road Driftwood Equestrian (formerly Independence Farm). Multiple encroachments into the conservation easement have recently occurred without CC review (well, shed, manure, debris). The July 11 meeting and site walk reviewed and discussed, tentatively approving some with conditions and changes to easement documents. The proposed 240' x 120' riding arena was tabled for further discussion. [More Detail](#)

**July 17th Site Walk Minutes** 24 Robin Rd, 23 Harborview Drive, 112 Perkins Rd: [Click Here](#)  
24 Robin Rd. Tree fell in the wetlands buffer.

23 Harbor View Drive: Home will be torn down and replaced with new construction  
112 Perkins: Tear down and new build that is in the wetlands buffer.

### **Recreation Commission Meeting July 1st**

Learn more about Rye Recreation: [Click Here](#)

[Click Here](#) to see the Rye Recreation Master Plan

Fall program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

2018-2019 Active, Alive and over 55 Programs: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: At Rye Recreation

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Conservation Commission has reviewed the plan to move the access road to the overflow parking lot. A minimum of trees will be removed.
2. Progress continues on the Eagle Scout Information Kiosk project.
3. Rye Congregational Church is moving forward with the ice skating rink plans
4. Still working with the Congregational Church for a lease agreement for Recreation activities.
5. Technical problems with the Town's Credit Card interface may impact Fall sign ups.
6. Since the RES downstairs area will be exclusive to Recreation, there will be an annual \$1000 fee for the Custodial Services.
7. Discussions on when and how to upgrade the existing bathrooms.
8. Summer camp programs were full at 40 children, up from last year.

### **Heritage Commission: No July 11th meting**

Learn more about the Heritage Commission: [Click Here](#)

Heritage Commission Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes:

### **Library Board of Trustees: July 11th:**

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

Library 2018 Usage Statistics; **NEW** [Click Here](#) #1 NH Library [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Fabulous Finds Resale Boutique of Kittery is providing a \$5K grant to support youth and teen programs.
2. Director Richmond is working on a "strategic synthesis" of the strategic plan and how that relates to the need for additional space needs.
3. There were 24 youth programs in June attended by 340 children and teens. 211 computer/internet users, 156 reference questions and 6 new library cards were issued.

### **Historic District Commission Meeting July 18th**

Learn more about the Historic District: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Design Guide lines are progressing.
2. Star Island signs were deemed to be in violation of Historic District regulations but also the Public Recreation District Zone.

### **Mosquito Commission Meeting: July 16th:**

Learn more about the Mosquito Commission: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Posters are available [Ticked Off](#) [Wanted Not](#) [Bug Them](#)
2. Our vendor teams are working hard, keeping up and ahead of the rain and heat, a perfect storm for more mosquito activity this summer.
3. The Rye Rec area will be sprayed twice, prior to the two upcoming soccer camps.
4. Commission is monitoring for Zeka, West Nile and now Jamestown Canyon Virus, a case of which appeared upstate.
5. Errant green-head traps were mysteriously placed on a residents driveway, the police are looking into this. The traps are now back in the correct locations.

### **Rye Energy Committee Meeting: June 6th: No July Meeting**

Learn More about the Energy Committee: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. As part of the Right To Know education, committee was reminded that meeting minutes need to be posted within 5 business days.
2. Committee is ready to present to the Select Board on May 28th.
  - Town Lighting Report: [Click Here](#)
  - Lighting Audit Summary: [Click Here](#)
  - Municipal Solar Evaluation: [Click Here](#)
  - REC Summary: [Click Here](#)

### **Rye Recycling Education Committee May 22nd**

Video Recording: Not available

Draft town meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Rye Food Scrap Collection Information [Click Here](#)
2. Rye Recycling Center Brochure [Click Here](#)

### **Sewer Commission Meeting July 9th:**

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Sewer plans for the tear down and new build at 112 Perkins were approved.
2. Commission discussed the Clean Water Act Inspection November 2018 - Rye scored well, but the report was not well written and many points require clarification. Sewer commission has responded to the points called out in the report.
3. Attorney Donovan has provided recommendations for annotations regarding sewer in the Town Code.
4. 0 Richards Rd permit will be issued
5. Commission is looking for an update regarding the Rt. 1 Sewer.

### **Beach Committee May 6th:**

Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Speakers presented information about sand loss and erosion on the beaches.
2. Detailed discussion followed about various options.
3. Spring report to the Select Board - if you have not seen it yet: Presented to the Select Board are now posted on the Civic League website. [Click Here.](#)

### **Budget Committee Meeting May 7th:**

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. School Budget large legal fees were discussed
2. SAU Business Administrator is leaving June 30th for the same role for SAU 15.
3. Vehicle registration and ambulance revenues are both down from last year.

### **Rye Opinions:**

The Rye Civic League Website posts opinions and discussions for Rye. These opinions reflect the views of residents, **NOT** the Rye Civic League.

The purpose is to help residents share their views and to have an online discussion between residents. We encourage you to share your opinions in the online discussions or sending an e-mail to the [RCL e-mail](#)

#### **Recent posted opinions:**

1. Rye's need for better planning: [Click Here](#)

**There is helpful information included in the sections for commissions and committees that are not actively meeting. Opinions, Public Discussion and additional content are also included below.**

### **Clean Water Issues:**

1. DES informs BOS that Parson's Creek is an impaired body of water. See more information on Parson's Creek. [Click Here](#)
1. Summary of PFC carcinogens impacting Garland Well. [Click Here](#)
2. Water in Rye Presentation from the RCL [Click Here](#)
3. CMA Engineers Grove Rd. Landfill presentation: [Click Here](#)  
RCL video of the November 29th presentation: [Click Here](#)  
RWD Presentation: [Click Here](#)
4. RCL (supported by State Rep. Messmer) has an up to date summary of what we know about PFC's in our area: [Click Here](#)
5. Cancer Cluster Final Report September 2017 [Click Here](#)
6. August 23rd Governor's Task Force Coakley Landfill Subcommittee Presentation (full overview) [click here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
7. NH Fish & Game restricts fishing in Berry's Brook. [Click Here](#)

#### Additional Information:

NHDHHS Confirms CDC-defined Pediatric Cancer Cluster [Click Here](#)

Community Facebook page for the Cancer Cluster: [Click Here](#)

Full USGS 2009 Study of Seacoast Ground Water Resources: [Click Here](#)

Draft Subcommittee Recommendations to Task Force: [Click Here](#)

Google Drive of documents related to subcommittee's work; [Click Here](#)

Coakley-Greenland Cancer Fact Sheet: [Click Here](#)

NHDHHS confirms uptick in pediatric brain cancers in cluster: [Click Here](#)

RCL Water in Rye Presentation: [Click Here](#)

Grove Rd. Landfill CMA Presentation: [Click Here](#)

PFC's 101 from Rep. Messmer: [Click Here](#)

RWD presentation: [Click Here](#)

### **Trustees of the Trust Funds August 22nd**

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Discussions of the current economic state and risks.
2. Reviewed and discussed the current allocations and cash positions
3. Decided to reduce J&J position based on possible negative impact of recent lawsuit
4. Next meeting will review ultra-short bond funds to support strategic liquidity

### **Parson's Creek Pollution Committee November 15th 2016 Final Report:**

Organized Additional Information: [Click Here](#)

Information from the Planning Department: [Click Here](#)

Committee Charge from the BOS: [Click Here](#)

RCL Discussion Page: [Click Here](#)

Summer Pollution Testing Results: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes of 9-28 Final Report: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording Sept 6th: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting Notes:

Septic System Presentation: [Click Here](#)

NH Storm Water Management Guide: [Click Here](#)

Committee Final 11/28 Report to Selectmen [Click Here](#)

December 2018 Report: [Click Here](#)

### **Rye Public Forum Discussion Topics:**

Once the RCL monthly meeting concludes, there is a public forum discussion about some of current topics in town. All are welcome to join this discussion and introduce town-related topics.

Topics discussed:

1. Election results and recount
2. School Deliberative
3. Plan NH update

### **Other Town Activity**

#### **Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League:**

**NOTE:** 2018 Update are available at the Library, the Hungry Horse and other locations. All sections are also posted on the Rye Civic League website

The Rye Citizens' Handbook has been created by the Rye Civic League ("RCL") to provide a consolidated resource to assist citizens in interacting with the various employees, board and commission members of the Town. It contains a description of each of the positions and groups, together with the contact information for each. It provides a road map to assist citizens in interacting with each function. The document is fluid. The intention of the RCL is to revise the Handbook at least annually in response to changes in staff, board and committee memberships, and the laws.

Special thanks to **Mae Bradshaw** who created and maintains the handbook.

[Click Here for a PDF version of the handbook](#)

#### **About the Rye Civic League and the Civic News**

The Rye Civic League (founded in 1968 by Frances Holway, Joan LaFrance and Marjorie Miller, disbanded in 1992 and revived in 2009) is a voluntary association that educates and motivates people to act as informed citizens of Rye.

To receive Town News via bcc go to the [Rye Civic League Website](#) and enter your name and e-mail.

All articles are written by the RCL editors. Questions or comments feel free to contact the RCL at [civicnews@ryecivicleague.org](mailto:civicnews@ryecivicleague.org)

#### **An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League**

While the Civic News is free (distributed to over 1,100 people), the Civic League does have annual costs that are covered by members (people who contribute \$12 or more each year).

**Our annual costs are:** Note only about 10% of the people who open the Civic News are members.

- Website hosting and URL registrations
- Civic News E-mail distribution software (Constant Contact)
- NH Attorney General's fees for being a 501-C and NH Secretary of State filing fees
- Printing and other expenses
- Post Office Box

#### **Members receive:**

- Invitation to annual meeting in the Fall where members may discuss anything about the organization including the Civic News. Voting for directors, policy, etc...

- Invitation with agenda to each end of the month RCL meeting at the library where RCL business is discussed followed by an open public forum (no longer an RCL meeting).

Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month, RPL 7pm

- The knowledge that you are participating in raising citizen awareness of, and promoting participation in Rye's important civic affairs.

#### **Become a member or renew!!!!**

[Click Here](#) to make an online payment.

[Click Here](#) to read the invitation and complete the membership form  
Membership and donations can be made by credit card via our Paypal link  
at [www.ryecivicleague.org](http://www.ryecivicleague.org) or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

**Get Involved:**

The Rye Civic League is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and such organizations are only as good as their membership base whether that is through paid dues, gifts in kind and active participation. What RCL really needs at this time, in addition to regular \$12 dues, is more active members who can assist with RCL tasks relating to the writing of the Civic News and other activities.

- Summarize a town meeting for the Civic News
- Editing the Civic News content
- Helping with Candidates Night and other civic events
- Social Media savvy person
- Website and help to fulfill our "digital transformation" vision. We envisioned a more effective capture of meeting summaries, a much better website and more dynamic communication.

**Contact Info**

Rye Civic League: [civicnews@ryecivicleague.org](mailto:civicnews@ryecivicleague.org) Steven Borne - President

*The Rye Civic League was re-formed to promote public awareness by informing residents about the town's business and its responsiveness to its citizens. The organization also offers townspeople an opportunity to bring issues forward for discussion and unbiased resolution. Its primary purpose is to help residents of Rye, NH to act as informed citizens and thereby improve and develop our community.*